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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

14 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

15 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

16 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) NO. CR 22-00171 EMC
17 Plaintiff,) [FILED APRIL 27, 2022]

18 v.)

19 DAVID MATA,)

20 Defendant.)

21 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) NO. CR 20-00249 RS
22 Plaintiff,) [FILED JUNE 22, 2020]

23 v.) NOTICE OF RELATED CASE IN A CRIMINAL

24 ROWLAND MARCUS ANDRADE,) ACTION

Defendant.)

25 The United States of America, pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 8-1, hereby notifies the Court
26 that the two above-captioned criminal cases are related. Defendant Andrade was indicted in June 2020
27 on charges related to an alleged fraud scheme related to the development and promotion of a
28 cryptocurrency called AML Bitcoin. Those charges remain pending. Defendant Mata was charged via

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1 Information in April 2022 pursuant to a separate alleged fraud scheme related to the management of a
2 cryptocurrency investment fund, Block Bits Fund. However, defendant Mata was also aware of and
3 involved in the AML Bitcoin scheme with defendant Andrade. Thus, the cases against defendants
4 Andrade and Mata involve similar and overlapping sets of facts. The government anticipates that
5 Defendant Mata is a potential witness in any trial against Andrade. Accordingly, the government
6 believes that the case against defendant Mata should be related and heard by the same judge who is
7 overseeing the case against defendant Andrade, U.S. District Court Judge Richard Seeborg. Based upon
8 these facts, the cases are related within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(1) because they involve the
9 same events and occurrences, in addition to overlapping parties. Furthermore, the cases are related
10 within the meaning of Local Rule 8-1(b)(2) because, if heard by separate judges, the actions likely
11 would involve substantial duplication of labor by the two judges.

12 Per the requirement of Local Criminal Rule 8-1(c)(4), government counsel states that assignment
13 of these cases to a single judge is likely to conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient
14 determination of each action.

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16 DATED: May 5, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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